

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection. Claim 12 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection.

Claims 1-4 and 6 have been rejected as anticipated by RD 333099A. Claims 1-4 and 12-15 have been rejected as anticipated by Card, US 6,547,043.

Amended claim 1 recites an assembly with a steering wheel and a vibration damping device, the vibration damping device including a damping means arranged in the steering wheel and an attenuation mass mounted for vibration movement in the steering wheel and connected with the damping means (Figs. 1-5). Both RD 333099A and Card disclose vibration dampeners attached to a steering wheel shaft, not arranged in a steering wheel. Claim 1, as well as claims 2-4, 6, 12, 13, and 15 which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

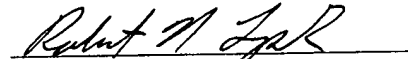
Amended claim 9 recites an assembly with a steering wheel and a vibration damping device, the vibration damping device including a hollow damping body arranged in the steering wheel and a mass core acting as an attenuation mass arranged inside the hollow damping body (Fig. 5). Both RD 333099A and Card disclose vibration dampeners attached to a steering wheel shaft, not arranged in a steering wheel. Claim 9, as well as

claims 10, 11, and 16 which depend from claim 9, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,


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